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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION

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1. THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS RECENTLY BEEN UPGRADED TO THE ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL LEVEL AND HAS BEEN FILLED BY AIR VICE MARSHAL ERIC G. HALL. MR. M.Y. WAZIRZADA (REF AIRGRAM) IS NOW DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION.

2. AIR VICE MARSHAL HALL WAS BORN IN 1922 IN BURMA. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE ARE ANGLO-BURMESE CHRISTIANS. HE ENTERED THE AIR FORCE IN 1943. HIS ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDED COMMANDER OF THE MASROOR AIR BASE, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF FOR TRAINING, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, AND DEFENSE ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON. IN JULY 1975 HE RETIRED FROM THE PAF AS HEAD OF THE PAF STAFF COLLEGE. HE IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO USAF OFFICERS SERVING IN PAKISTAN WHO DESCRIBE HIM AS HONEST, STRAIGHTFORWARD AND GENERALLY PRO-AMERICAN. HIS REPUTATION AS AN ADMINISTRATOR IS GOOD.

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HE HAS FREQUENTLY ATTENDED CONSULATE GENERAL REPRESENTATIONAL

FUNCTIONS.

3. DURING A RECENT COURTESY CALL ON VICE MARSHAL HALL, HE TOLD THE E/C OFFICER HE WAS BUSY SETTLING INTO HIS NEW POSITION AND IN LEARNING THE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF IT. HE MENTIONED HE HAD MET TWICE WITH JOHN PENNING, PAA'S MANAGER FOR PAKISTAN AND WAS AWARE OF PAA'S PROBLEM OF WANTING NON-SCHEDULED OVERFLIGHTS OF PAKISTAN WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF LANDING IN PAKISTAN. HE SAID THAT HIS PREDECESSORS HAD BEEN AS REASONABLE AS THEY COULD BE IN PERMITTING SOME OF THESE OVERFLIGHTS AND HE WOULD CONTINUE THIS POLICY AS BEST HE COULD.

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